

Tartars Lead by Two

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North Keeps Lead Despite 65-54 Loss

Because of two key upsets in the Sky League varsity basketball race Friday night, four teams are still in contention for the league pennant at the halfway mark.

North's Saxons were handed a 65-54 defeat by Inglewood in the Sentinel gym while Beverly Hills knocked off Morningside, 87-79, in its swim gym.

The Saxons continue to lead the league with four

victories and one loss, while one full notch behind in the second place are Beverly Hills, Morningside and Inglewood with 3-2 records.

North travels to Morningside Thursday in a showdown with the most serious threat to take over the lead. North beat the Monarchs in the first time they met, 52-45.

The Saxons blew a 19-4 first quarter lead to Inglewood. The Sentinels outscored North convincingly from the outside the remaining three quarters to overcome the 15-point deficit.

North got the worst end of a double ejection in the first quarter when Jess Jacobs was dismissed from the game along with Rick Otten of Inglewood who engaged in an unfriendly skirmish.

After North got behind at the end of the fourth quarter, the Saxons went into an aggressive press game that resulted in numerous fouls. The Sentinels did not shrink at the free throw line and finished out 11 points ahead.

Inglewood was beaten by Morningside and Beverly Hills and defeated Culver City and Leuzinger prior to meeting North.

West High Defeated By Eagles

Sophomore dead-eye Dana Pagett turned in a 27-point performance Friday evening to lead El Segundo to an 81-66 victory over West High. The Pioneer League contest was played at El Segundo.

The game left both El Segundo and West with 3-2 records in league competition. Aviation, beaten by Torrance 74-50, also is 3-2.

El Segundo withstood a fourth-quarter rally in which the West Warriors scored 28 points, cutting the Gundo lead to seven with three minutes left in the game. West, however, committed three errors in the process, sending Eagles to the foul line for five crucial points.

White Pagett was scoring, his teammates held West guard Dani Thomas to a pair of field goals. Thomas, however, got nine at the foul line for a total of 13 in the game.

In the rebounding department, El Segundo again was on top by a substantial margin. Center Jim Spence, who got 21 points before he fouled out mid-way through the third quarter, hauled in 13 rebounds and teammate Bill Sligar got 14 off the boards. As a team, Gundo collected 54 rebounds.

West could grab onto only 24 rebounding balls—six below the single performance record 30 rebounds center John Cochran hauled in against Lennox last week.

The Warriors meet Torrance Thursday evening as the second round begins in the Pioneer League.

Sky League Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA
North	4	1	326	275
Beverly Hills	3	2	261	258
Morningside	3	2	325	291
Inglewood	3	2	291	284
Leuzinger	1	4	283	341
Culver	1	4	275	324

SPARTANS WIN BAY LEAGUE IN WRESTLING

South High School won the Bay League wrestling championship Friday with an undefeated league record. The Spartans handed Rolling Hills a 43-15 loss in the final match of the season.

Earlier in the week the Spartans pinned Redondo by a 31-19 margin.

An all-league meet will be held at Santa Monica Thursday to select first and second place contestants for the CIF preliminaries at Simi High School on Feb. 20. The CIF finals will be Feb. 27 at Mira Costa High School.

Bay League Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Redondo	5	0	344	270
South	6	1	469	389
Palos Verdes	5	2	452	341
Mira Costa	3	4	458	411
Santa Monica	3	4	441	471
Hawthorne	1	7	407	549
Rolling Hills	0	8	291	542

Brennan Bags 23 In Win

Torrance High students are wearing small signs which say "You can't STOP Torrance" these days, and from the looks of things, the slogan is true!

Torrance won its fifth consecutive Pioneer League basketball game Friday evening. This time, Aviation—owner of the league trophy for the past three years—was the victim, 74-59.

Guard Bob Brennan, as usual, was high point man for the Tartars. He hit on nine field goals and added five while standing at the free throw line for a total of 23.

And Sophomore ace Bart Johnson, as usual, was right behind Brennan. He got 18—sinking seven from the floor and four from the foul line.

And Walt Hale was right behind Johnson, as usual, with six from the floor and three free throws for 15.

Backing up the Tartar trio, Richard Davies scored 10 points and again got the rebounds which Torrance has been counting on Davies to get.

Aviation put on the pressure during most of the game, causing coach Will Boerger to observe, "The Aviation pressure bothered us to the extent we only led by five points, but we managed to compose ourselves and play ball!"

Tartar reserves played the fourth quarter, substituting for Hale and Davies. Both left the game with five fouls, but not before putting the game on ice.

With a two-game edge on second place Aviation, El Segundo, and West (all 3-2), Torrance has virtually assured itself of a berth in the CIF playoffs.

Pioneer League Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Torrance	5	0	468	353
West	3	2	319	304
El Segundo	3	2	307	297
Aviation	3	2	302	292
Lennox	1	4	236	321
Lawndale	0	8	235	292

Games Thursday
Torrance at West
Lennox at Aviation
Lawndale at El Segundo

Mira Costa Loses to Redondo

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Maintaining a 7-point lead from the mid-first quarter until the final two minutes, Redondo defeated Mira Costa, 60-54, Friday night in the RUHS gym. The house was without a vacant seat.

The Seabawks, idle this week, enjoy an 8-0 Bay League record and have won 19 straight without a loss.

Redondo beat the Mustangs at full strength. Jeff White, high scoring Mira Costa junior guard ended his two-week suspension from the team after three minutes of play against rival Redondo.

White contributed a field shot, a layup, and a free throw in an otherwise stale performance. His sidekick, Tom Egerer, was Bob Clemo, Jeff Sims and Paul Hoffman's treble assignment for the evening, but managed to score 22 points on a variation of seven field goals. Egerer, had eight free throws, but missed three key ones in the final quarter plus the final second of the third period.

Hoffman, who sat out a good part of the second quarter, scored 11 points in the second half and had 19 for the game. Clemo scored two defenseless layups in a full court press situation in the final two minutes to help his 18-point effort.

The defeat dropped the strong Mustangs below the .500 percentage mark at 3-4.



JIM HANNY Holds Second Place

South Rolls, 72-40

Steve Kuchenbecker, scoring 13 of 14 free throw tries, scored 25 points in an easy 72-40 Bay League basketball victory over Hawthorne Friday night in the South gym.

Coach Jim Hanny's South Spartans have won six league games against a lone defeat against pace-setter Redondo (8-0).

South, also 1½ games ahead of third place Palos Verdes, remains at home Thursday in a return match against Mira Costa. The Spartans upset Mico, 76-64, in the Mustang gym, and the team has failed to recover. Mira Costa is 3-4 at present.

Hawthorne has dropped seven league games compared to a lone win against winless Rolling Hills.

The Cougars have such a small following that the players had to stick around after Friday night's game to help sing the alma mater.

Bees Triumph At North High

A 73-35 victory over Inglewood Friday kept North High's Bees unbeaten in the first half of the Sky League basketball race.

The North Cees, however, dropped a 48-44 game to the Sentinels. Both games were played at North.

Pelton Selected Tennis Coach

Ran Pelton has been named tennis coach for the Pepperdine College Waves. His squad will have 15 matches and compete in five tournaments.

Jayvees Win

Torrance High's junior varsity basketball team won its fifth league victory Friday evening, defeating Aviation 60-51 in a game played at Torrance.



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TROUT POND WINNER . . . Lance Roberts of Torrance was one of the daily winners of fishing gear for catching the biggest trout during the International Sports, Vacation and Travel Show. Lance, who resides at 22716 Madison Avenue, received his prize here from show queen Penny Ward.